



**Finding aid to the  
John Strohmaier  
Collection  
1996.10**

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## OVERVIEW

**Donor:** John Strohmaier

**Accession Date:** 1996

**Collection Number:** 081

**Quantity:** 4 folders

**Summary:** Typewritten materials related to the family history of John Strohmaier; eight (8) photocopies of documents, circa 1917-1935; four (4) photographic prints; six (6) photocopies of photographs; two (2) photographic slides; and two (2) photographic negatives, all circa 1900-1915.

**Languages:** English & Russian

**Links:**

- [John Strohmaier Collection photographs on the GRHC website](#)
- [John Strohmaier Collection photographs on the NDSU Institutional Repository \(DSpace\)](#)

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## BIOGRAPHY

The donor of this collection, John Strohmaier, Jr., is descended from the Meitzner family, who emigrated from Seimeny, Bessarabia, South Russia in 1903; and the Strohmaier family, who lived in Friedorf, South Russia, before relocating in 1905. Both families built homesteads near Elgin, North Dakota after settling in the United States. John C. Strohmaier married Elizabeth Meitzner in Elgin in 1916 and moved into the Meitzner family home. The family was forced to

sell their farm in 1935 due to drought and they relocated to Lodi, California, where they would raise their five children. Elizabeth (Meitzner) Strohmaier died in 1957 in Lodi. John C. Strohmaier died in 1966, also in Lodi.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT

The **John Strohmaier Collection** consists of three series, the Family Documents Series, the Family History Series, and the Photograph Series. The materials in this collection have been arranged in the following manner.

The [Family Documents Series](#) contains photocopies of six documents relating to Peter Meintzer, Elizabeth Strohmaier, and John Strohmaier, circa 1903-1935. These are listed individually below in the folder list.

The [Family History Materials Series](#) consists of three typescripts of short biographies with photocopied images related to the family of John Strohmaier. The subjects of these typescripts are Peter Meintzer (1840-1905), John Strohmaier, Sr. (1895-1966), and Elizabeth (Meintzer) Strohmaier (1896-1957).

The [Photograph Series](#) contains several photographic resources related to the Meintzer and Strohmaier families. Present within this series are two photographic prints of the same image, one black and white and one sepia-toned, of individuals posed outside the Peter Meintzer farm, near Elgin, North Dakota, circa 1915. Additionally, there is one photographic slide and one black and white negative of this image within this series. Also present are two photographic prints, one black and white and one sepia-toned, of the Meintzer family posed outside of their farmhouse in Elgin, circa 1915. Additionally, there is one photographic slide and one black and white negative of this image. Three sheets of photocopies of these images are also present. Also contained within this series is one 8"x 11" photographic copy of an image of a farmstead, noted as being the John and Elizabeth Strohmaier farm, Elgin. Three photocopies of additional images of Strohmaier family photographs are included in this series, noted below. All of the images in this series were copies made by Strohmaier or GRHC.

## BOX AND FOLDER LIST

### 1990s-2000 Small Collections Box

Collection/Folder	Contents
1996.10/1	Finding aid, detailed inventory, and initial inventory
1996.10/2	<b>FAMILY DOCUMENTS SERIES</b>  Copy of Russian passport for Peter Meintzer, 1903

Copy of North Dakota Hunting License for John Strohmaier, 1917

Copy of citizenship document for John Strohmaier, 1917

Copy of affidavit. Jacob Maier, 1932

Copy of affidavit for Jacob Rivinius. 1932

Copy of naturalization certificate for Peter Meitzner, 1934

Copy of vehicle certification, State of California, 1935

Copy of auction sale poster for John Strohmaier estate, 1935

### **1996.10/3**

#### **FAMILY HISTORY MATERIALS SERIES**

Biography of Peter Meitzner

Biography of Elizabeth (Meitzner) Strohmaier

Biography of John Strohmaier

### **1996.10/4**

#### **PHOTOGRAPH SERIES**

1996.10.01a Black and white print of photographic image of Meitzner family and home. Circa 1915. 3 x 5

1996.10.01b Sepia-toned print of photographic image of Meitzner family and home. Circa 1915. 3 x 5 [Duplicate of 1996.10.01]

1996.10.01c Photographic negative of photographic image of Meitzner family and home. Circa 1915 [Duplicate of 1996.10.01]

1996.10.01d Photographic slide of photographic image of Meitzner family and home. Circa 1915 [Duplicate of 1996.10.01]

1996.10.02a Black and white print of photographic image of Meitzner family and home. Circa 1915. 3 x 5

1996.10.02b Sepia-toned print of photographic image of Meitzner family and home. Circa 1915. 3 x 5 [Duplicate of 1996.10.02]

- 1996.10.02c Photographic negative of photographic image of Meitzner family and home. Circa 1915 [Duplicate of 1996.10.02]
- 1996.10.02d Photographic slide of photographic image of Meitzner family and home. Circa 1915 [Duplicate of 1996.10.02]
- 1996.10.03 Color photocopy of sepia-toned image of Strohmaier farm, circa 1915
- 1996.10.04 Photocopy of group portrait of schoolchildren with teacher. Photo inscribed "Approx. 12 yrs old. 1907 or 08"
- 1996.10.05 Photocopy of cabinet card featuring a portrait of a man and a woman with two young women. Man is seated in carved chair and wearing military-style wheel cap. Inscribed "Mama's parents" and "John Strohmaier; Elgin, N.D." Circa 1905
- 1996.10.06 Photocopy of a seated man with two girls, one boy, and a young woman standing beside him. Ornate rug is visible. Unidentified. Circa 1900